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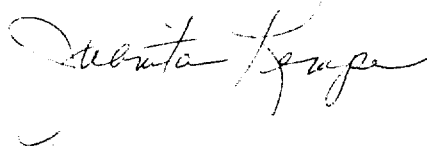
Gentlemen\Ladies:

Last January the Council of Europe, a body which represents 40 countries, recommended a worldwide ban on the transplanting of animal body parts into human beings (xenotransplants). I am alarmed that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, despite acknowledging the dangers of using nonhuman primates for these purposes, is nonetheless promoting research in this area.

Although many health authorities disapprove of any xenotransplantation, pigs are now the animal of choice for such procedures. Yet pig viruses carry fully as much danger to human recipients as do primate viruses.

If ever there were a Pandora's box which ought not to be opened, this is it. Inadvertently placing an unknown animal virus into a human host and having it tear through and wipe out vast numbers of people is a scenario best left to the realm of science fiction.

Sincerely yours,



*I am in favour of animal rights  
as well as human rights.  
That is the way of a  
whole human being.*

*-Abraham Lincoln*

I have chosen to send this letter to you from a letter-writing service. I chose it because it represents my views and opinions perfectly. It is, however, signed by me as an individual, and I hope you will consider it as such. - Juanita Kempe

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